

MINUTES  
**HOUSE HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, February 10, 2022

**TIME:** 9:00 A.M.

**PLACE:** Room EW20

**MEMBERS:** Chairman Wood (Critchfield), Vice Chairman Vander Woude, Representatives Gibbs, Blanksma, Kingsley, Christensen, Lickley (Schutte), Erickson, Ferch, Mitchell, Chew, Rubel, Burns

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Chairman Wood (Critchfield)

**GUESTS:** The sign-in sheet will be retained in the committee secretary's office; following the end of the session the sign-in sheet will be filed with the minutes in the Legislative Library.

**Chairman Vander Woude** called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Burns** made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022, meeting. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 29209:** **Rep. Julianne Young**, District 31, presented **RS 29209**, proposed legislation for in-person visitations in residential care centers. The term "in person" has been included for immediate access, with no change to the resident's rights. Two new subsections stipulate in-person rights and possible precautions consistent with those required of facility personnel.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to introduce **RS 29209**. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Reps. Gibbs** and **Lickley** requested to be recorded as voting **NAY**.

**RS 29456:** **Rep. Rob Furniss**, District 35, presented **RS 29456**. This proposed legislation allows district hospitals the options available to county hospitals to lease or sell property to a qualified non-profit for the continuity of service in the community. This provides options for the hospitals to address fiscal and local challenges. This impacts seven hospitals.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Gibbs** made a motion to introduce **RS 29456**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**RS 29335C1:** **Rep. Matthew Bundy**, District 23, presented **RS 29335C1**, proposed legislation to implement the Audiology and Speech-language Pathology Interstate Compact to allow audiologists and speech-language pathologists licensed in any state to provide services, including telehealth, in each member state as specified. Idaho would be the sixteenth state in the compact, with other states joining this year.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made motion to introduce **RS 29335C1**. **Motion carried by voice vote.**

**H 515:** **Michelle Peugh**, Strategic Business Partner, Division of Human Resources (DHR), presented **H 515**. This legislation clarifies statute resulting from **H 316**, 2021, which moved all decision making authority to the Public Health District Boards and Directors. Through this change employees can continue participation in the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI).

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 515** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Rep. Blanksma** declared Rule 80. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**H 516:** **Michelle Peugh**, Strategic Business Partner, DHR, presented **H 516**. This also clarifies statute changes resulting from **H 316**, 2021, allowing Public Health Districts to establish a personnel system to support rates of pay for appointments, promotions, demotions, and separations. It also allows them to perform other needed personnel actions. This act is effective March 1, 2022.

**MOTION:** **Rep. Blanksma** made a motion to send **H 516** to the floor with a **DO PASS** recommendation. **Motion carried by voice vote.** **Rep. Blanksma** will sponsor the bill on the floor.

**ADJOURN:** There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

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Representative Vander Woude  
Chair

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Irene Moore  
Secretary